

Dear parents, carers and children in Years 5,6 and 7,

Following the release on Thursday 2nd July 2020 of **Guidance on full opening – schools**, a review by the senior team of the previous wider opening and lockdown arrangements and the scenario planning that we have carried out, I have laid out for you here our early thinking about the new arrangements for September. In essence: we need to reduce risks and build confidence in identifying the pupils and staff who have regular contact to respond to any outbreaks. We believe that these regulations are really 'do-able' and we look forward to these further relaxations in social distancing that will allow us to return to education that is more familiar to all of us.

Below are a series of actions and modifications that we believe will allow us to return safely with a really good educational experience (these are not 'set in stone' as we have more planning to work through the make the return as practicable and effective as possible).

We would like to know what you think. Do you have any questions? Email admin@st-egwins.worcs.ch.uk

1. A staggered start to the day. Buses (from the more rural parts of Evesham) arriving, then each year group at a different time.
2. Each year group a Big Bubble. Each class a Bubble. Within each year group, 5x Bubbles (class groups).
3. Bubbles (up to 30) taught separately.
4. Encourage pupils to social distance when queuing, etc.
5. Teachers move from class to class.
6. Most teaching for a single group in 1 classroom.
7. Phased-in increasing of the amount teaching in specialist classrooms (e.g. IT and Science) to manage the corridor traffic. Build up quickly to full curriculum.
8. Cleaning of classrooms between different groups being taught.
9. No sharing of pencils, etc.
10. Staff maintain 2m social distance from each other and from children.
11. One-way systems in school. Very significant reduction in the traffic in corridors.
12. Sanitising (with gel) rather than predominantly handwashing is an acceptable way to minimise risk of transmission (in conjunction with good handwashing).
13. Close monitoring of school absence to track potential outbreaks.
14. Year group: assemblies, toilets, lunches, breaks, playgrounds – all separate in time and space.
15. Enhanced cleaning – toilets, desks, equipment.
16. Curriculum areas to modify the activities accordingly. E.g. PE use one bag of balls for y7, etc. Food Tech only cooks with one year group on a given day.
17. Buses: all 3 year groups travel together – since can't have multiple buses with 1 year group. Ask all pupils including under-11s to wear face masks?
18. Children travelling in on buses from Hampton to be encouraged to cycle and/or use community walking buses?
19. Breakfast club moved to a larger space with big bubbles kept separate.
20. After school clubs – initially suspended pending a review.
21. Remote education availability for absent/isolating pupils.

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